

## ITALIAN PREMIER THANKS U. S. FOR WAR ON AUSTRIA

ROME, Dec. 12.—Premier Orlando formally voiced Italy's gratitude to America for America's determination to wage war on Austria in a speech in the Chamber of Deputies today.

"America's step increases Italy's gratitude," he declared. "It will tighten our bonds of friendship and brotherhood more than anything else could do."

"The American Red Cross helped magnificently in the recent disaster which we suffered."

The premier declared the general military situation as regards Italy was "greatly improved, but he foresees Italy a chief sufferer among the allies as a result of the Russian armistice move."

"The central powers proclaim their desire for peace, but they do not name their objectives," he concluded. "The allies have the first resolution to fight to a victory and to lasting peace."

### RIOTING IN HARBIN.

TIEN TSIN, Dec. 12.—Serious clashes between pro-Germans and allied supporters in Harbin were reported in dispatches today. Chinese troops were requested in order to protect allied citizens there.

## RED CROSS READY FOR XMAS DRIVE TO GET MEMBERS

Preparations for the great Red Cross Christmas membership drive over the country are rapidly nearing completion. It was announced today. Churches, theaters, and other public institutions will co-operate.

In Washington forty banks will co-operate with a display of literature. Henry P. Davison, chairman of the Red Cross war council, has sent out the suggestion that on next Sunday there shall be arranged union meetings in churches or auditoriums in the interest of the Red Cross Christmas membership drive. Ministers of all denominations are urged to preach Red Cross sermons.

The Cosmos Theater has announced that the entire proceeds of Friday afternoon matinee will go to the Red Cross.

A campaign has already been launched to bring into the Red Cross membership every Government employee in Washington.

Mrs. H. B. Soule, in charge of women's work, today outlined ways in which the joint-Red-Cross plan will reach, through business houses, women's clubs, public and private institutions, schools and homes, every woman in the city.

## HALIFAX BEGINS WORK OF BURYING VICTIMS OF BLAST

HALIFAX, Nova Scotia, Dec. 12.—All Halifax mourned today when the first of the victims of the explosion last week of the munitions ship Mont Blanc were interred in local cemeteries in graves sunk in frozen ground.

Although scores of those who perished in the explosion and fire will be buried today, a general funeral for all bodies taken from the ruins will be held tomorrow.

Three of the five cemeteries in Halifax will be entirely filled with victims by Friday night. In Fairview Cemetery hundreds will be laid alongside persons who lost their lives in the Titanic and Burgoyne disasters at sea.

Every minister in Halifax and nearby towns will be called to service for Friday's hours of mourning. Services will be recited over groups of caskets. From early morning until dark funeral corteges will flourish through the streets. There are not enough hearses; many coffins must be borne on wagons.

Hold unidentified dead.

A number of bodies as yet unidentified will be held to await the arrival of persons from other cities who are known to have had relatives here, but have not been able to get in communication with them.

The mortuary committee has officially announced that 476 have been identified; 225 have been identified from effects; 125 are unrecognizable, and 400 are still missing.

An effort is being made to resume operation in a number of local factories, but difficulty is being had in inducing employees to return to work.

A committee on reconstruction work in the devastated area has announced a scale of wages for workers in various trades. The maximum will be 50 cents an hour. Board and lodging will be furnished at a nominal rate.

Permanent relief committees composed of local citizens and relief workers from the United States have been formed and all operations are being systematized. George H. Murray, premier of Nova Scotia, is chairman of the executive committee.

The Boston relief ship Calvin Austin has arrived in the harbor. The Government investigation was postponed until this afternoon because Wreck Commissioner Demers was delayed.

### HALIFAX TIDAL WAVE DAMAGED TROOPSHIP THIRTY MILES AT SEA

BOSTON, Dec. 12.—The tidal wave caused by the explosion swept thirty miles to sea, according to the story told by Kenneth Casson, of this city, who was on a transport off the coast of Nova Scotia the day of the disaster. Casson, who served in a hospital unit in France, declared the huge waves swept over the ship, demolishing the pilot house and damaging the superstructure.

### CHRISTMAS CAROLS TO RESOUND HERE DEC. 23

All Washington will sing Christmas carols on December 23. The Department of Playgrounds is receiving suggestions, offers of assistance, and hearty co-operation from the various organizations about the city. Churches, schools, choral societies, clubs, settlement houses, and members of organized choirs are planning to assemble with the children on the steps of the Treasury building at 3 o'clock.

Small groups of singers will go in automobiles and street cars to the hospitals and homes for the aged after the community celebration is over. Others will go singing through the streets.

Mrs. Susie Root Rhodes, supervisor of playgrounds, outlined her plans for the celebration to the playground directors at their meeting on Monday. Miss Ella Gardner, director of girls' activities, is in immediate charge of arrangements. All of the teachers have been supplied with the carols, and they are being sung during the rest periods on the playgrounds.

Plans have also been made for a similar celebration to be held at Howard University for the colored children. The campus of the university has been turned over to the playground department for the festival, and all colored schools and organizations have been invited to come and sing with the general public.

### RETURNING SENATORS WERE IN PERIL OF LIVES

The fact that Senators Kenyon and Kendrick, who have just returned from Europe, along with several members of the House delegation, were in peril of their lives while returning across the Atlantic became known today.

Rough weather and stormy seas marked the entire trip through the icy waters of the northern Atlantic. The vessel was far out of the usual course, and one sailor was swept overboard and drowned in spite of every effort to rescue him.

On one occasion the ship caught fire from the electric wiring. This caused excitement on board, and, though the fire was quickly checked, it caused alarm while it lasted. Not only that, but the pounding of the enormous waves smashed in a section of the bow of the vessel, and repairs were made with much difficulty.

WOULD EXEMPT FARMERS.

In order to protect the nation's food supply, exemption of farmers from military service is provided for in a bill introduced by Congressman Snyder of New York. The bill would exempt any man farming 100 acres or more, along with his son and the hired man. The author hopes to get the support of the Department of Agriculture and the Food Administration.

### May Be Placed on Trial for Life.



JOSEPH CAILLAUX,  
Former French premier, who is accused of urging Italy to make peace, an offense for which the penalty is death.

## AMERICAN WIVES OF ALIEN ENEMIES NOW SEEK DIVORCE

There is to be an epidemic of divorces separating American wives from German, Austrian, and Hungarian husbands during the next year, according to reports reaching the Department of Justice from various courts throughout the country.

There are already on file in many courts petitions for divorce filed by American-born women who have married Germans or other enemy aliens. Most of the cases are against German husbands. Evidence adduced in some of the cases is to the effect that the German husbands attempted to force their American wives to subscribe to German war loans out of their own funds.

Most cases are those in which the German husbands have returned to Germany in response to the call for reservists and have attempted to have their American wives remaining in this country send money or perform services to aid the German cause. It is expected that courts will warp procedure a little, if necessary, to grant separations and divorces in these cases.

### WAR MARKET ORIGINATOR URGES PLAN FOR CAPITAL

The success of Cleveland's "war markets," which cut the price of many articles of food in two, is today occupying the minds of members of the Housekeeping Alliance or the Women's Committee of the District Council of Defense who heard Miss Kate Davis, originator of this movement in the Forest City, give an impromptu address to the Alliance yesterday. Miss Davis is on a tour of the country explaining how to get the best of old H. C. I. by the establishment of these markets, and hopes by next summer to see them flourishing in every large city in the union.

"Seven of these markets were created in Cleveland the first part of last July," she said, "where farmers brought their produce and sold it direct to consumers. Every product of the farm was sold in these markets and in most cases at a reduction of from 10 to 50 per cent from the retailers' prices."

"The seven markets were located on the outskirts of the city and crowds of from 2,000 to 10,000 men and women attended the two 'market days' weekly. Final estimates showed that about 80,000 Cleveland families were being served by these markets before the end of the produce season."

Miss Davis has just been appointed food commissioner of the National Council of Women of the United States by Mrs. Philip North Moore, president of the council.

### MUSICAL STOCK CO. TO OPEN AT POLI'S

Christmas day will mark the opening of a new play at Poli's Theater here. S. Z. Poli, the proprietor, has announced through Manager Fred Berger, that he has engaged a large stock organization to play here in musical productions at popular prices.

The principals of the new company, together with a large beauty chorus and a chorus of young men, are now rehearsing in New York for the opening show, Charles Dillingham's Revue, "The Candy Shop," well-known to theatergoers as the play in which Maude Fulton and William Rock became famous.

BLACKLISTED BY ERROR.

Two South American business houses, included in the American "black list" by mistake, were stricken from the list today by the War Trade Board. The firms are D. G. W. Almers, of Manaus, Brazil, and La Union, of Buenos Aires, Argentina.

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## DEATH TRIAL FACES GAILLAUX, FORMER FRENCH PREMIER

PARIS, Dec. 12.—Orders for the arrest of former Premier Joseph Gaillaux are looked for today, following the demand by General Dubail, military governor of Paris, that the former head of the cabinet be tried on the general charge of "criminal propaganda," for which the penalty, on conviction, is death.

The military governor specifically charges that M. Gaillaux last year sought to bring about a separate peace in Italy and was in constant and friendly communication with Bolla Paasha and the pro-German plotters connected with the Bonnet Rouge.

General Dubail charged M. Gaillaux with saying last December, that Premier Briand was on the eve of a fall and would doubtless be replaced by Clemenceau, who could remain in power by intensifying the war; that France would be quickly exhausted by a fresh military effort, and that she could not sustain the fight beyond the spring of 1917; that at that time he (Gaillaux) would take power and sign for peace. It would be necessary for Italy to make a separate peace with Germany.

M. Gaillaux, General Dubail claims, has sought to destroy French alliances in the course of military action as well as sought to aid the progress of enemy arms—crimes, he said, against half a dozen articles of the penal code and the code of military justice. Death is the penalty.

SOME TIES THAT BIND.

"Are diplomatic posts strictly necessary?" "Of course; they're used for international hitches."—Baltimore American.

## WIFE OF GERMAN WORKING FOR U. S. STRANGELY SLAIN

PITTSBURGH, Pa., Dec. 12.—Federal officials investigated today the murder of beautiful Emma Pritzen von Beyers, wife of a former German naval lieutenant, who since the United States entered the war has been a Westinghouse expert working on Government contract.

Beyers called on United States District Attorney E. Lowrey Humes. He admitted he has been working on an alien enemy permit for several months; that his statement last night he was a citizen of the United States was not correct.

He told the district attorney that the kitchen knife with which his wife was stabbed to the heart was his own. He also acknowledged ownership of the small revolver found on the bathroom floor of the Beyers bungalow at Edgewood Acres, which was wrecked by some explosive apparently to cover the murder of Mrs. Beyers.

No suspicion fastens to Beyers, detectives declared emphatically.

PLAN MOTOR MAIL SERVICE.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 12.—An important step in the solution of the problem of transporting perishable and fragile foodstuffs is being taken by the Postoffice Department in the examination of a motor mail service, bids now being asked for daily service between here and New York via Indian Mills, Mt. Holly, Trenton, Newark, and Jersey City. This would tap a great egg, poultry, fruit and berry section, such produce being delivered in New York in time to grace the evening meal.

## OSTEOPATHY'S FOUNDER DIES AT AGE OF 89

News of the death of Dr. Andrew T. Still, known as the founder of osteopathy, was received here today. He was born on August 6, 1828, in Jonesboro, Lee county, Va.

During the civil war, when a surgeon in the Union army, Dr. Still lost faith in the treatment of disease with drugs and the then existing medical methods.

He started his first school at Kirksville, Mo., in 1892. Dr. Still lived to see the practice of osteopathy regulated by forty-seven States.

He was a member of Corporal Dix Post, No. 22, G. A. R.

### FORTY INJURED WHEN CAR LEAVES RAILS

WEEHAWKEN, N. J., Dec. 12.—Between thirty and forty persons were injured, some possibly fatally, when a trolley car of the Public Service Railway Company jumped the track early today while on a trestle descending the Clifton Hill.

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**For Daughter**  
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